

A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010
Total not in the labor force	81,358	83,499	16,585	17,615	21,596	21,794	43,176	44,090	31,919	32,872	49,438	50,627
Do not want a job now ¹	75,823	77,780	14,813	15,692	19,075	19,262	41,935	42,826	29,246	30,077	46,578	47,703
Want a job ¹	5,535	5,719	1,772	1,923	2,521	2,532	1,242	1,264	2,674	2,795	2,861	2,924
Did not search for work in previous year	2,842	2,830	853	910	1,161	1,188	829	732	1,285	1,278	1,557	1,552
Searched for work in previous year ²	2,693	2,889	919	1,012	1,361	1,344	413	533	1,389	1,517	1,304	1,372
Not available to work now	587	634	303	321	248	255	36	58	253	254	334	380
Available to work now ³	2,106	2,255	616	691	1,112	1,088	377	475	1,136	1,263	970	992
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects	685	994	170	231	380	503	136	260	433	624	252	370
Reasons other than discouragement ⁴	1,421	1,261	446	460	733	586	242	215	703	639	717	622
Family responsibilities	193	273	33	46	111	160	48	66	55	80	138	193
In school or training	287	328	232	255	51	70	4	3	146	195	140	133
Ill health or disability	191	57	20	8	112	11	58	38	88	29	104	28
Other ⁵	749	603	160	151	458	345	131	108	414	335	335	268

¹ Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

² Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

³ Persons who have searched for work in the previous year and are available to work now also are referred to as "marginally attached to the labor force."

⁴ Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary

schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

⁵ Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.